

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 (Canceled)

31. (currently amended) A device-method for enabling biometric authentication of an individual seeking access to a Web server from a Web client, the device-method comprising:

21 means for providing a comparison of selected selecting records of biometric data of one or more individuals on the Web server, the records of biometric data having parameters; collecting live data, the live data having any number of parameters characteristic of the individual;

comparing the parameters of the selected records with the parameters of the with-live data; and received from the Web client, the live data respecting biometric characteristic of the individual

and the live data being correlated to at least one parameter characteristic of the live data determining received by the Web client, the comparison being to determine whether the live data sufficiently matches the selected records as to enable biometric authentication of authenticate the individual.

32. (currently amended) The device-method of Claim 31, further comprising:
storing the a database where the records of biometric data in a secure database are stored.

33. (currently amended) The device-method of Claim 31-32, wherein the step of storing is performed using device is linked to one of the Web server and the web client over a connection supporting a secure transport protocol.

34. (currently amended) The device-method of Claim 31, further comprising:
providing one or more biometric databases of records of biometric data of one or more individuals; and,
linking an authorization server linked to one or more biometric servers and linking, each biometric server being linked to at least one biometric database.

35. (currently amended) The ~~device method~~ of Claim 34, wherein the step of providing one or more biometric databases includes providing at least one captive biometric database is captive.

36. (currently amended) An authentication system for authenticating an individual seeking access to a Web server from a Web client, the system comprising:

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a biometric device linked to the Web client to provide live data respecting biometric characteristics of the individual, the live data having parameters being generated based on at least one parameter characteristic of the live data received by the Web client;

an authentication center in communication with the Web server for storing a plurality of records of biometric data of one or more individuals, such biometric data having parameters, the authentication center compares for providing a comparison of the parameters of the live data with parameters of the selected records of a plurality of records of biometric data of one or more individuals, the comparison being to determine whether the live data sufficiently matches the selected records so as to enable authentication of authenticate the individual.

37.(original) The system of Claim 36, wherein the web client and the Web server are linked to a Web cloud via Web connections and the Web connections support a secure transport protocol.

38.(original) The system of Claim 36, wherein the authentication center is linked to at least one of the Web client and the Web server via authentication center connections, the authentication center connections supporting a secure transport protocol.

39.(original) The system of Claim 36, wherein the authentication center comprises an authorization server linked to one or more biometric servers, each of the biometric servers being linked to one or more biometric databases.

40.(original) The system of Claim 39, wherein at least one of the biometric databases is captive.

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41.(original) The system of Claim 39, wherein at least one of the biometric databases is independent.

42.(original) The system of Claim 38, wherein at least one of the biometric servers is independent.

43.(original) The system of Claim 36, wherein the Web client provides for the individual to have a claimed identity and the authentication center supports (i) receiving said claimed identity, (ii) providing the selected records based on said claimed identity and (iii) comparing the live data with the so-provided selected records.
